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## Report of Selectmen.

Taxes required to be assessed in town April, 1904.

State tax,	\$ 213 00
County tax,	582 76
Highways and bridges,	491 00
School tax,	576 00
School house repairs,	50 00
Town library,	21 30
Town charges,	400 00
Overlay,	108 29
	\$2,442 35

Rate of taxation \$1.24 on each \$100.

### INVOICE, APRIL 1, 1904.

Polls,	92	\$ 9,200 00
Real estate,		141,190 00
Horses,	142	8,956 00
Oxen,	12	682 00
Cows,	382	11,084 00
Neat stock,	178	4,046 00
Sheep,	383	1,152 00
Hogs,		34 00
Fowls,		90 00
Stock in public funds,		1,400 00
Stock in banks,		200 00
Stock in trade,		950 00
Money on hand or at interest,		17,280 00
Mills and machinery,		700 00
		\$196,964 00

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ending Feb. 15, 1905.

Feb. 15, 1904. Cash in treasury,	\$ 277 87
Rec'd from Sullivan county, support of paupers,	153 98
Town clerk, dog licenses,	97 30
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	97 68
"    bounty on hedgehogs,	6 75
Tax collector,	1,816 35
"    interest on taxes,	5 37
	2,455 30



## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid county tax,	582 76
state tax,	213 00
on selectmen's orders,	1,508 39
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	2,304 15
To cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1905,	151 15
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	\$2,455 30
HENRY J. LASELLE, Treasurer.	

## TOWN OFFICERS.

Alvin S. Cram, selectman 1903,	\$ 42 00
William H. Wilson, "	25 00
Emerson E. Parker, "	20 00
Thomas B. Fish, selectman part of 1904,	16 00
Herbert A. Holmes, town clerk 1904,	20 00
Arthur E. Bingham, collector 1904,	30 00
Henry J. LaSelle, treasurer 1904,	25 00
Frank R. Bates, sexton 1904,	21 00
Mrs. E. J. LaSelle, school treasurer 1904,	5 00
Mrs. E. J. LaSelle, librarian 1904,	12 00
T. B. Woodcock, supervisor 1903 and 1904,	10 00
James W. Bascom, district clerk,	1 00
Charles Winch, auditor,	1 00
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	\$228 00

## SCHOOL BOARD.

James W. Bascom, services,	\$ 6 00
Henry J. LaSelle, "	6 00
Charles A. Jeffs, "	6 00
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	\$18 00

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for benefit of Milton J. Clark,	\$165 46
Due from Sullivan county Feb. 15, 1904,	51 61
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	\$217 07
Received from Sullivan county,	153 98
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Balance due from Sullivan county Feb. 15, 1905,	\$63 09

## DAMAGE BY DOGS.

L. V. Douglas, one sheep killed,	\$5 00
Augusta M. Chandler, one sheep killed,	4 00
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	\$9 00

## DOG LICENSES.

Received for dog licenses,	\$97 30
Paid for damage and service of constable,	12 00
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Balance to be paid school treasurer April 1, 1905,	\$85 30

## ORDERS DRAWN TO REPAIR ROADS AND BRIDGES

Ira M. Russell, surveyor in District No. 5,	\$ 22 95
James A. Hall, labor with team,	3 50
Carlos J. Fifield, surveyor in District No. 4,	50 02
T. B. Fish, surveyor in District No. 3,	75 08
L. Marcett,                                “	3 75
Charles Westney,                        “	3 00
T. B. Fish, labor in District No. 7,	11 35
Marshall Currier, surveyor in District No. 1,	43 55
C. C. Plimpton,                        “                       6,	44 80
M. F. Bragg,                            “                       2,	47 75
Selectmen, labor on river road,	39 80
H. C. Clark, labor on road,	23 75
George G. Bowen, timber and plank for bridge,	26 52
James W. Bascom, labor on road,	4 95
William H. Wilson, work on culvert,	2 00
Walter H. Smith,                       “	2 00
B. F. Brown, repairing sluice,	1 52
Henry E. Smith, snowing bridge,	1 50
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	\$407 79

## ORDERS DRAWN FOR BREAKING ROADS.

Ira M. Russell,	\$ 14 46
C. C. Plimpton,	37 95
D. B. Flemmings,	7 20
James W. Bascom,	8 40
C. J. Fifield,	31 55
A. A. Woodard,	10 20
H. C. Clark,	4 65



H. J. Glynn,	4 65
Fred Green,	3 00
Charles Graves,	2 55
W. H. Blackmar,	1 95
George H. Royce,	2 00
C. A. Jeffs,	1 50
A. E. Bingham,	1 50
A. P. Fish,	90
G. W. Ramsey,	45

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\$132 91

#### ORDERS DRAWN FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES.

A. S. Wait, service and counsel at the hearing before commissioners of Cheshire county Dec. 22 in regard to the toll bridge,	\$ 75 00
E. M. Smith, service and counsel on same case,	30 00
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	\$105 00

#### ORDERS DRAWN FOR MISCELLANEOUS PURPOSES.

T. B. Woodcock, cash paid for checklists and express,	\$ 5 00
“ “ express and incidentals,	66
P. H. Gobie, town reports,	20 40
J. Hadlock, new parts for road machine,	8 45
James Brooks, labor on cemetery fence,	5 10
W. H. Wilson, “	4 50
Howard Hardware Co., wire for cemetery fence,	21 66
Edson C. Eastman, blank books,	2 34
E. L. Walker, assessment on insurance policy town hall,	1 88
T. B. Fish, painting the iron bridges,	27 00
“ paint and oil,	8 78
“ repairing cemetery gates and painting,	3 85
United Construction Co., keg of bridge paint,	7 50
F. Lawton, setting glass and repairs in town hall,	1 65
Selectmen, bounty paid on hedgehogs,	6 75
Trustees of library, library tax,	21 30
R. F. Oliver, returning 6 births, 1 death,	1 75
A. E. Bingham, collector abatements,	5 28
School treasurer, unexpended dog license,	73 20
E. M. Smith, retaining fee,	5 00
School supplies,	59 90
Elvira R. Hutchins, part payment of note,	101 54



Harriet L. Prentiss, interest on note,	39 06
W. H. Wilson, maintaining watering tub,	3 00
H. J. LaSelle, glass and nails,	1 82
E. W. Henry, abatement part tax on King farm,	1 86
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	\$439 23

#### RECAPITULATION.

Town officers,	\$ 228 00
School board,	18 00
County paupers,	165 46
Damage by dogs,	12 00
Highways and bridges,	407 79
Breaking roads,	132 91
State tax,	213 00
County tax,	582 76
Hearing on bridge case,	105 00
Miscellaneous,	439 23
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	\$2,304 15

#### TRUST FUND.

The Prentiss fund is invested in the Bellows Falls Savings Institution, and the interest is devoted to the care of the Prentiss lots in the South cemetery.

#### ASSETS.

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1905,	\$151 15
Due from Sullivan County Feb. 15, 1905,	63 09
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	\$214 24

#### TOWN NOTES OUTSTANDING.

Due on Prentiss note,	\$517 00
Due on Hutchins note,	207 00
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	\$724 00

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN S. CRAM,	} Selectmen of Langdon.
WILLIAM H. WILSON,	
GEORGE H. ROYCE,	

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1905, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, Auditor.

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15th, 1905.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

DR.

To cash in treasury Feb. 15th, 1904,	\$ 54
Library tax,	21 30
Cash received for fines,	1 46
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	\$23 30

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By books received from Chamberlain & Co.,	\$ 4 07
Express on books,	75
Record book,	25
Cash on hand Feb. 15th, 1905,	18 23
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	\$23 30

The books ordered have only part arrived at this date. The library has been patronized quite freely and it is to be regretted the public have been delayed in reading matter by the non-arrival of the books.

CHARLES WINCH, Secretary of Trustees.

### DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1905.

Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1904,	\$120 85
Cash received from collector,	626 00
Literary fund,	20 35
State for support of Superintendent,	50 00
Dog license money,	73 20
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	\$890 40



## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on orders,	\$768 60
Cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1905,	121 80
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	\$890 40

Mrs. ELSIE J. LASELLE, School Treasurer.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Care of schoolhouses,	13 75
Cleaning schoolhouses,	5 50
Wood,	24 75
Conveying scholars,	117 00
High school tuition,	45 00
Tuition to Charlestown,	8 13
Tuition to Walpole,	15 75

## REPAIRS.

Material and labor,	53 72
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## RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn on District Treasurer,	\$768 60
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## EXPENDITURES.

Wages of teachers including board,	410 00
Superintendent's salary,	75 00
Miscellaneous,	229 88
Repairs,	53 72
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	\$768 60

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. JEFTS,	} School Board.
H. J. LASELLE,	
JAMES W. BASCOM,	

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the School Board and Treasurer of the School District for the year ending Feb. 15, 1905, and find them properly cast and vouched.

CHARLES WINCH, District Auditor.

Langdon, N. H., Feb. 15, 1905.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Number of schools maintained,	2
Number of terms of schools,	6
Number of weeks in spring,	20
Number of weeks in fall,	18
Number of weeks in winter,	17
Whole number of weeks,	55
Number of pupils reported,	49
Boys,	25
Girls,	24
Number in actual attendance,	32
Number attending one term or more in adjoining towns,	14
Number between the ages of 6 and 16 not attending any school,	3
Boys,	1
Girls,	2
Names of teachers employed :	

## SPRING TERM.

School No. 1,	C. A. Turner
" No. 3,	Julia E. Connoly

## FALL TERM.

School No. 1,	Alice M. Stone
" No. 3,	Royal P. Richardson

## WINTER TERM.

School No. 1,	Alice M. Stone
" No. 3,	Royal P. Richardson

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Orders drawn on District for support of schools,	\$768 60
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## EXPENDITURES.

C. A. Turner, teaching 10 weeks,	65 00
Julia E. Connoly, teaching 10 weeks,	75 00
Alice M. Stone, teaching 15 weeks,	90 00
Royal P. Richardson, 20 weeks,	180 00
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	\$410 00
Salary of Superintendent,	75 00



# **Report of Superintendent of Schools.**

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TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LANGDON, N. H. :

GENTLEMEN :

It is my privilege to present to you and through you to the people of the town of Langdon my second annual report.

As but two schools are maintained in town and we face no new or unusual educational problems my report will naturally be brief and cover much the same ground as that of last year.

## **GRADING.**

The grading of the schools has this year become somewhat more definite, but some further adjustment is necessary.

The aim in following a regular course of study is to give such direction and purpose to the school activities that the largest possible results in knowledge and training may be secured. It is not designed to force the child into any fixed groove, but only to so order and arrange his work as to lead to a natural and orderly development of his faculties.

It is better to attempt no grading whatever than that a hasty and arbitrary classification should be adopted. It is also true that where no well arranged course of study is followed and there is no efficient supervision much of the time of both pupils and teachers is wasted.

The course of studies for the Walpole Supervisory District, which has been used as the basis of our grading, should be revised and made somewhat more definite in some directions before the opening of another school year.

## **TEACHERS.**

The quality of service rendered by our teachers during the past year has been excellent, and the progress of the pupils has

been satisfactory when measured by the quality of the work done rather than by the number of pages covered.

Poor teaching is sometimes—if not always—worse than none, as it may induce habits of study or expression which hinder future progress.

We are coming more and more to recognize the importance of the teacher's personality as a leading factor in the child's education. No education or training however complete can compensate for the lack of a strong personal influence.

One of the most encouraging features of our work has been the retention of desirable teachers for successive terms of service. The frequent changes of teachers is one of the most serious sources of weakness in the schools of the smaller towns of our state. In this connection I would recommend that, so far as possible, teachers should be engaged to serve for not less than one year if their work proves satisfactory.

#### BUILDINGS.

Both school buildings in use have been improved in appearance by some interior repairs. If the desks at the Centre could be arranged so that the desks and seats would correspond in height it would conduce to both the health and comfort of the pupils. It is very difficult for a pupil to do good written work when his desk is either too high or too low for him.

Some improvement in the lighting of our schoolrooms should be attempted. Light entering from three sides of a room is very trying to the eyes. In most modern schoolhouses the light comes only from the back and one side, preferably the left. If the windows in our schoolrooms were provided with opaque shades either rolling from the bottom or on adjustable fixtures, the conditions might be much improved at a slight cost.

The old fashioned desks in Division No. 1 should be replaced by others better adapted to the comfort and convenience of the pupils.

#### TEXT-BOOKS.

The good effects of the change in text-books last year have been apparent in the greater interest and real progress of the



pupils.

The books for supplementary reading which have been added this year have proved very helpful especially in the primary grades. A few more of the same series should be furnished to accommodate the larger number of pupils now in school.

#### IN GENERAL.

The time is not far distant when the people in rural towns will endorse if they do not demand that the principles of agriculture shall be taught in their schools.

While we should not fail to place the main emphasis on those studies which are generally admitted to be fundamental, yet we must recognize that any system of education which omits music, drawing, and nature study is one-sided and defective. As we cannot command the services of a special teacher in these subjects, we must depend on the instruction which the regular teachers are sometimes able to give.

One element of strength in the old-time school was the fact that the boys and girls attended more or less regularly until they were of age. Now, comparatively few pupils are found in the schools over the age of fourteen. No normal child under ordinary conditions should finish his school life at this age.

He is now coming to have a better grasp on whatever appeals to the judgment and reason. He can see facts in their larger relations and make practical application of what he learns. He can now get his best appreciation of mathematics, science and literature. His enjoyment of life, his earning capacity, and his value as a citizen will be seriously limited if he attends school only for the period legally required.

At the conclusion of another year of service I wish to thank the citizens, teachers, and school officials for their constant and kindly co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON J. RICHARDS, Supt. of Schools.

Feb. 15, 1905.

# Vital Statistics.

Births Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1904.

Date, 1904	Name of child (if any)	Sex and Condition			Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Parents' Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace and age of Father	Birthplace and age of Mother
		Male or Female	Living or Stillborn	Number of Child	Color						
Feb. 5	Plimpton	M			Charles C. Plimpton	Aurelia P. Orkins	All white	Langdon	Farmer	Wadsworth 40 Warrensboro 23	40 Warrensboro 40
May 24	Bushway	F			Felix Bushway	Anges Eno			Laborer	Langdon 28 Langdon 21	28 Langdon 21
May 24	Graves	M			Charles W. Graves	Florence M. Angier			Farmer	Westmoreland 28 Langdon 20	28 Langdon 20
June 2	Hurd	M			Horace C. Hurd	Jessie Bridges			Laborer	Newport 26 Peru, N. Y. 35	26 Peru, N. Y. 35
July 1	Brooks	F			James Brooks	Annie Shortleaves			Mason	Moore's, N. Y. 33 Rutland, Vt. 35	33 Rutland, Vt. 35
July 1	Brooks	F			James Brooks	Annie Shortleaves			Mason	Moore's, N. Y. 33 Rutland, Vt. 35	33 Rutland, Vt. 35
July 18	Lamb	M			Herbert G. Lamb	Eleanor H. Hooper	All white	Langdon	Farmer	Langdon 33 Walpole 28	33 Walpole 28

**Marriages Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H., for the Year Ending December, 31, 1904.**

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at Time of Marriage	Age, Yrs.	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Groom and Bride	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Condi- tion	Name, Residence and Official Station of Per- son by whom married
July 2	Claremont	Cyrene E. Hall Florence M. Smith	Langdon Ascutneyville, Vt.	28 16	White	Electrician	Keene Claremont	William Hall Mamie Johnson George E. Smith Hattie M. Hall	Claremont Marlborough Unity	1 1	Rev. J. M. Wathen, Claremont, N. H.



# Deaths Registered in the Town of Langdon, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1904.

Date 1904	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex and Condition				Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Name of Mother
		Y	M	D		Male	Female	Color	Sin M	or W d				
Jan. 26	Elven R. Beckwith	86	2	5	Langdon	M			W		Quincy	Acworth	Natt H. Beckwith	Flora Sarsons
Feb. 16	Samuel K. Upton	78	4	21	Stoddard	M			D		Stoddard	Stoddard	Samuel Upton	Lucy Town
June 2	Candace Ann Elwell	78	10	21	Langdon	F		White	W				Lemuel Huntoon	Sibel Palmer
Oct. 8	Lucian A. Barrows	78	26	26	Richmond	M			M					
Nov. 22	Rolla E. Angier	59	2	12	Granville, Vt.	M			M		Langdon	Weatherfield, Vt.	John Angier	Sanders

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.      HERBERT A. HOLMES, Town Clerk.





